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IT MAY HAVE TAKEN 20 YEARS, BUT UMA THURMAN AND TARANTINO ARE REPORTEDLY FINALLY SEEING EACH OTHER PAGE 27

BLUE AND GOLD AND SHAE

Power 97's Vicki Shae has landed a coveted role with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers — she'll be the in-game host this season. This makes her the first female to hold the job. For the story, see page 8.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Judge wants power to nix costly inquests

Judicial resources.
Attorney general taking recommendations 'very seriously'

Manitoba's attorney general says he is seriously considering whether to give judges the power to quash mandatory inquests to save time and resources.

Judge Brian Colli made the recommendation after presiding over an inquest into an intoxicated man's death in RCMP custody. The man, Ronald Wood, died after falling in his cell in Nelson House on Dec. 20, 2009. The force was the only party that requested standing — or participated in the inquest — but the inquest still took two years from start to finish, Colli pointed out.

Inquests are mandatory in Manitoba if someone dies while in police custody or in a psychiatric institution.

The province should amend the Fatality Inquiries Act to allow judges to cancel a mandatory inquest if no member of the public expresses interest, if a government agency or police force is the only party to request standing or if it's unlikely to yield any recommendations to the province, Colli recommended.

Attorney General Andrew Swan said he's taking the recommendation "very seriously."

"It is a fact that inquests do take up a fair amount of resources," Swan said Friday.

Inquests are held so judges can make recommendations to the province, a provincial department or agency, but Colli said it was obvious from the outset that he wouldn't be making any in Wood's case.

"It is disappointing to me that it has been a fruitless exercise in accomplishing any of the purposes of the hearing. The circumstances of the death were well known. No one expressed an (interest) in obtaining standing at this inquest, even though invitations were extended to both the First Nation government and to the family," Colli said.

The inquest was unnecessary, he concluded.

"It seems to me that we would have achieved greater results from allocating those court and judicial resources elsewhere," Colli said.

According to Swan, if the NDP decides to go ahead with any legislative changes, it probably won't be until next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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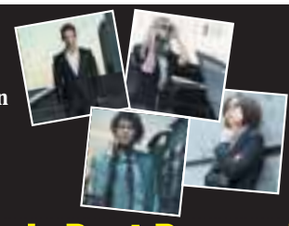
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Food Evolution melds '60s and local culinary cultures

Kildonan Park. CEO says Bauhaus-inspired restaurant benefitted from slow development

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The new restaurant at Kildonan Park, set to open June 5, promises to wow patrons with retro furnishings and gastronomic delights inspired by the cultures of its surrounding community.

Doug Stephen, president and CEO of WOW Hospitality Concepts, said the restaurant in Peguis Pavilion will be named Food Evolution and its opening is being timed with the launch of Rainbow Stage's 60th season, featuring A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline.

"I think Winnipeggers will love what we've got," Stephen said Thursday.

"Usually we don't take this long to go from inception to execution, but I'll be honest with you, the fact that we've had this extra time has been really, really good."

Stephen said the restaurant's new look is reminiscent of the 1960s, when Morley Blankstein of Number 10 Architectural Group built the award-winning pavilion.

"You'll see colours from the '60s, you'll see Andy Warhol-type prints from the '60s, the light fixtures are reminiscent of the '60s," said Stephen. "It's not diner, it's very Bauhaus-influenced modern and retro."

As for the food, Stephen said it pays homage to the communities that make up the North End, such as perogies with North End meat and sauerkraut inside, a pork-belly pastrami "that is to die for" and in-house smoked salmon.

The 2,977-square-foot space, which became vacant in November of 2008, underwent $2 million worth of upgrades by the city.

Wine list

70

Doug Stephen of Wow Hospitality Concepts said Food Evolution will have an extensive menu and a list of 70 wines.

An inside look at the new Food Evolution restaurant set to open on June 5 at Kildonan Park's Peguis Pavilion.
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Golden West

When it rains, it pours for lodgers

Residents forced from the Golden West Centennial Lodge earlier this month must wait up to a month longer before returning. The news came Thursday following an assessment of the flooding caused by a burst pipe on May 19. METRO

Public health

Fewer smokers in city, but not fewest ever, report shows

A new report shows fewer Winnipeggers are lighting up.

The Peg indicator report shows 13 per cent fewer citizens smoke now than 10 years ago. In 2012, 19.4 per cent self-identified as smokers; that number was 22.4 per cent in 2003.

The report acknowledges year-to-year fluctuations and a slight trend upward since 2010. However, the city is still below the national average of 20.4 per cent.

The highest reported smoking rate in Winnipeg was 23.3 per cent in 2008 and the lowest was 16.4 per cent in 2010. METRO

New management

Research returns to Experimental Lakes Area

The Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) is back from near extinction.

Newly hired scientists are set to get back to work on the world-renowned facility's freshwater research starting June 2, after its management was taken over by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).

The Government of Canada had threatened to close the ELA, which had been conducting unique long-term research since 1968, but a deal was reached between the feds, the Government of Ontario and the IISD in April. METRO

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Route map of this year's Pride Parade. Pride Week culminates with a new twice-as-long festival at The Forks and the big parade through downtown on Sunday afternoon. CONTRIBUTED

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Organizers prepare for party this weekend

Organizers are gearing up for a weekend full of fun and partying as Pride Week culminates with a new twice-as-long festival at The Forks and the big parade through downtown Winnipeg Sunday afternoon.

"This is all new to us.... I'm really excited to see how Saturday plays out in terms of the size of the crowd and whether or not we get a different crowd than we normally see Sunday," Pride Winnipeg president Jonathan Niemczak told Metro while busy getting ready for the events Thursday morning. "The festival has always been just on Sunday after the parade, so I'm interested to see how those dynamics work out."

Niemczak said revellers can expect a similar scene at the newly expanded Saturday festival — think live entertainment, dancing, food vendors, kids activities, and barrels and barrels of Half Pints' Queer Beer — but this year the party goes until 3 a.m. each night. The 27th annual parade will get underway at noon Sunday following a rally at the Legislative Building at 11 a.m., which will include a speech from this year's grand marshal, an Iranian-born gay man who had to flee his home country to escape execution. "He has a very touching story and it plays into our theme of 'Without Borders,'" said Niemczak.

For a full list of what's going on, go to pridewinnipeg.com.

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Man charged in alleged string of home break-ins

'A lot of grief.' Police say he forced entries, caused thousands of dollars in damages

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Winnipeg police spokesperson Const. Jason Michalyshen speaks to media after police arrested a man Tuesday following a month-long break-in spree across the city. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

A man has been charged in connection with a string of break-ins at homes across Winnipeg over the last month.

Police allege the same man is responsible for seven separate break-ins at homes in the St. Boniface and Spence neighbourhoods between April 24 and May 21.

Police spokesperson Jason Michalyshen said more than $10,000 worth of items were pilfered during the break-ins.

"Clearly over a very short period of time this individual was very active and pretty brazen with respect to how he was breaking into these homes," said Michalyshen, who said the forced entries caused thousands of dollars worth of damage. "This caused a lot grief for a lot of people."

The police report the final break-in occurred Tuesday at a home on Seven Oaks Place while the residents were asleep. A large quantity of property was removed in the homeowner's vehicle.

The stolen ride was seen near Crystal Avenue and St. Thomas Road shortly after, and following a chase on foot, police arrested a man.

Michalyshen said the suspect has a history of similar crimes. Kerry Cousineau, 48, is facing several charges including six counts of break-and-enter and theft of a motor vehicle.

Thomas Steen. Councillor faces charges in domestic violence allegations

A current councillor and former Winnipeg Jet has been formally charged in connection with allegations of domestic violence.

According to court records, Coun. Thomas Steen faces two charges of assault and one charge of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm on May 1. The court document also reveals that Steen is not allowed within 200 metres of the victim's place of residence, work, or any other place she may be and to abstain from alcohol or other intoxicating substances.

Steen's case is set to go before a judge on June 23.

Contacted by Metro, Steen said that he couldn't comment because the matter is before the courts. While the court records identify the victim, Metro Winnipeg has chosen not to name her. In a statement earlier in May, Steen said he'd continue his council duties, though not for the Winnipeg Police Board, which oversees police matters.

He also said he was taking time to "deal with a private personal matter."

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Coun. Thomas Steen BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Royalwood

Four arrested for alleged SUV theft

A woman and three teens are facing charges after suspects were caught trying to break into a River East-area shed early Wednesday while driving a truck stolen from the Royalwood neighbourhood over the weekend.

A neighbour caught suspects in the shed on Malcana Street just after 1 a.m. They fled empty-handed in a 2011 Toyota Rav4 stolen days earlier from a home on Edenwood Place.

Officers saw the SUV fleeing south on Roch Avenue and arrests were made with help from AIR 1 and the canine unit after the suspects ditched the truck and fled on foot.

A 22-year-old woman and a 17-year-old male were arrested at the scene, and a 16-year-old female and 18-year-old male were arrested later the same day.

All four are facing charges including possession of property of crime under $5,000. METRO

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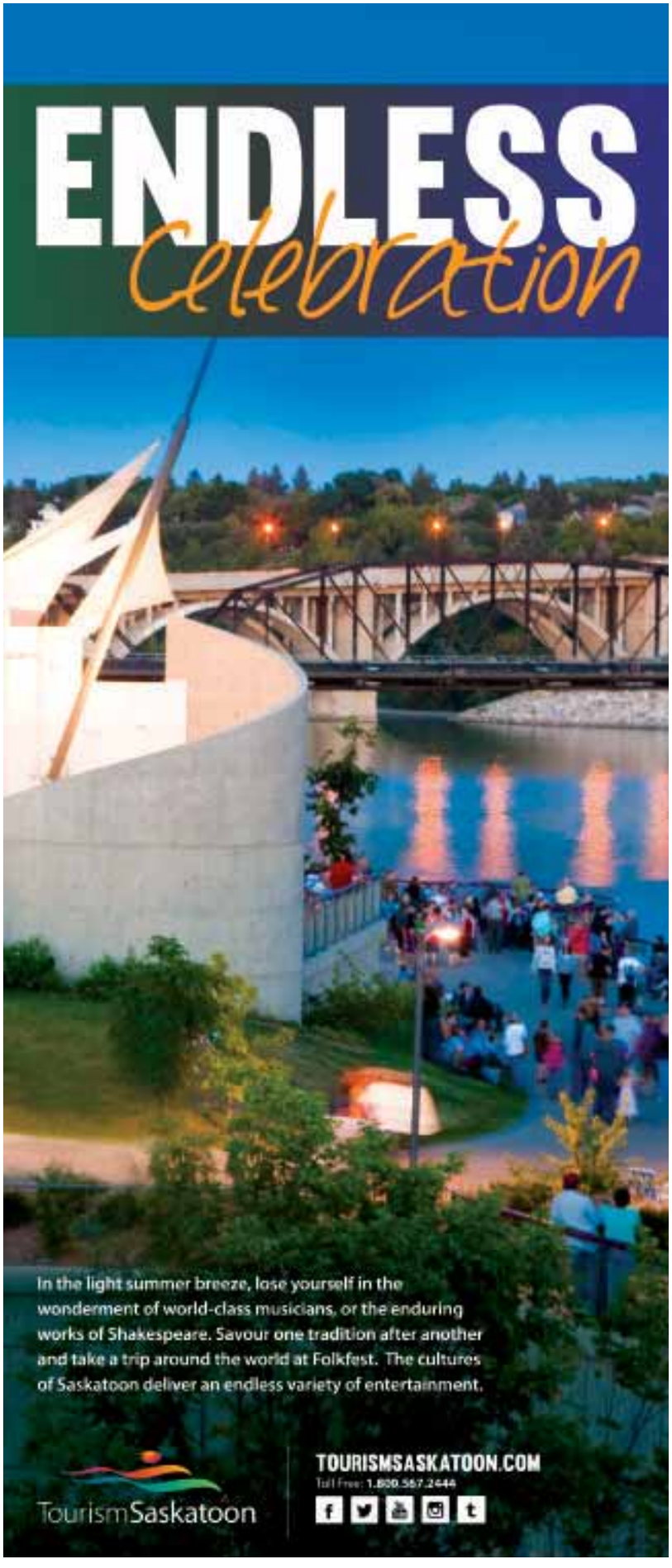
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Dave Elmore of Green Action Centre talks to media at the launch of the Commuter Challenge on Thursday. The annual challenge asks people to ditch their single-rider cars for carpools, transit, walking, riding a bike, canoeing, whatever, for their commute to work for one week. The challenge starts Monday. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

If I can ride to work, so can you

Commuter Challenge. Winnipeg editor continues her hunt for a healthy lifestyle

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When I was asked to make a quick speech at the launch of the 15th annual Commuter Challenge on Thursday, I made up a list of reasons why I shouldn't participate by riding my bike to work.

Well, forget you, reasons. I'm gonna do it, anyway.

Those of you who have been following my blog about my quest to eat healthier and exercise more know I've yet to succeed in one thing: Making exercise a daily routine.

Well, what better time to start?

I'll be riding my bike to work all next week. I may collapse when I get there, but I'm gonna get there.

Register to do the challenge at commuterchallenge.ca. Winnipeg wins most years against the rest of Canada. Let's do it again.

Elisha Dacey is the managing editor of Metro Winnipeg

Are yours any better?

Elisha's (poor) reasons for not doing the Commuter Challenge:

- **1.** I don't have time.
- **2.** I'm too out of shape.
- **3.** Riding my bike down Portage Avenue is super scary.
- **4.** What if it rains?
- **5.** I don't want helmet hair.

Listener stats

CJOB, CBC rule city's airwaves

Radio listener numbers released Thursday show there's a battle brewing for the top of the dials in Winnipeg.

BBM Canada's numbers for Spring 2014 show CJOB is holding on to their long-held No. 1 spot with a 12 per cent share — but only by a hair. CBC Radio 1 is right behind them with 11.7 per cent of the share.

CJOB's numbers dropped from 12.8 in the fall of 2013, while CBC Radio 1 saw a 1.1 per cent jump in listeners over the same period of time.

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Vicki Shae. Bombers welcome first female host

For the first time in franchise history, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers have hired a female host to keep the home crowd happy.

Power 97 morning show host Vicki Shae will be the new voice of in-game entertainment on the field during home games at Investors Group Field.

"I'll be injecting some estrogen into the whole experience," laughed Shae. "So many women come out to the Bomber games and I think I can bring something for both the men and the women."

The Bombers and Power 97 have a partnership, and previous hosts have been from the radio station. The Bombers wanted to keep things in-house, said Shae.

Shae's duties include keeping things rolling between plays, interacting with fans, running contests and generally having fun with people and keeping the energy up.

"We're thrilled to have Vicki on board — she's going to bring a whole new vibe to our new-and-improved game-day production," said Bombers director of community relations Jeffery Bannon.

"Vicki is a consummate professional on the air, she's smart and hilarious and we think she's going to bring just the right vibe to the job."

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Teenage cousins gang-raped, found hanging from tree

India. Two police officers arrested, three more suspects sought

Less than 18 months after the brutal gang rape and murder of a 23-year-old medical student in the capital triggered laws to fight sexual violence, a horrific case in a remote part of central India is again sparking nationwide outrage, but activists say nothing has changed for women.

Two teenage cousins were gang-raped on Tuesday and their bodies were found hanging from a mango tree in Katra village in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Villagers found them Wednesday morning, hours after they had disappeared from fields near their home, Atul Saxena, a senior police officer, told Torstar News Service. The two girls, aged 14 and 15, had reportedly gone to the fields because there was no washroom in their home.

Saxena said the autopsy showed the girls had been raped and strangled before being hung. He said two police constables, ages 19 and 35, had been arrested and a hunt was on for three other suspects. The police constables have been suspended, he said.

On Wednesday, there was tension in the village, which is about 300 kilometres from Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh. Angry villagers accused the police chief of ignoring a complaint by the girls' family on Tuesday night that the teenagers were missing.

Villagers did not let the police take down the bodies until the accused had been arrested. The chief has been suspended for not taking immediate action, said Saxena.

Following the December 2012 attack on a moving bus, there were protests, vigils and loud demands for stricter laws. The government tightened laws on sexual violence last year. But newspapers are still full of stories of sexual assault, the activists say.

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Sobering numbers

22

Government statistics show a rape is committed every 22 minutes in India. Activists say this number is low because most cases are never reported — women are often pressured by their families and even the police to stay quiet about sexual assault.

Mass killing

Parents of UCSB killer mourn rampage victims

The parents of the young man who carried out the deadly rampage near the University of California, Santa Barbara, say in a statement that they are "crying out in pain for the victims and their families."

On Friday night Elliot Rodger killed six people and wounded 13 others in the student community of Isla Vista. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Loco-motive

Woman thrown off train and crushed in India

A woman was crushed to death after a conductor pushed her off a moving train for boarding the wrong coach early Thursday in western India, police said.

Ambekar said police have arrested the conductor and were questioning him and other witnesses.

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Missing schoolgirls

President plans full-scale assault on Boko Haram

Nigeria's president Goodluck Jonathan said he has instructed security forces "to launch a full-scale operation to put an end to the impunity of terrorists on our soil," but gave no details.

He also vowed "to do everything possible" to find more than 300 schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram.

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A woman walks by a morgue and coffins of pro-Russia gunmen killed in fighting with Ukrainian troops for control of the city's airport in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Thursday. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rebel rocket attack kills 12 in east Ukraine

Ukraine's armed forces suffered devastating new losses Thursday, underlining the scale of the challenge the country faces in quelling a guerrilla-style insurgency that has proven to be agile and ruthless.

A rebel rocket attack brought down a military Mi-8 helicopter ferrying out troops, including a general, on the outskirts of Slovyansk, killing at least 12 people onboard.

Acting president Oleksandr Turchynov told parliament in Kyiv that rebels used a portable air defence missile against the helicopter.

Slovyansk, a city of 120,000 people, has become a focal point for the armed pro-Russia insurgency and has for weeks been encircled by Ukrainian troops.

While Ukrainian forces may be better equipped than their opponents, fears that the standoff could degenerate into brutal urban warfare have so far held authorities back from ordering an all-out assault.

In recent days, Ukrainian troops have taken to deploying mortar shells in their bid to retake Slovyansk, causing civilian casualties and prompting some residents to flee. The tactic has produced few immediate results other than deepening distrust toward the government and instilling fear.

"They are shooting at us from grenade launchers, we hear explosions. The windows of our house are shaking," said resident Olga Mikhailova, who said she was leaving the city for the safety of her family. "I have four children. It is terrifying being here, because I am afraid for their lives."

Russia's Foreign Ministry on Thursday denounced the use of aircraft and artillery against the rebels and demanded that Kyiv end a "fratricidal war and launch a real political dialogue with all political forces and representatives of the regions."

The ministry said it would be impossible to restore peace in Ukraine without ending the government's military action against the rebels and withdrawing Ukrainian troops from the east. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ignored at work? It's worse than bullying

Ostracism hurts. Study finds feeling left out can lead to health problems — even quitting your job

THANDI FLETCHER
Metro in Vancouver

Mother always said: If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.

But that attitude may be more damaging than helpful when it comes to the workplace, according to a study from the University of B.C.

Researchers found that, while most consider ostracism less harmful than bullying, being ignored at work is significantly more likely to result in people being unhappy in their jobs, quitting and having health problems. Feeling ostracized is so detrimental to mental and emotional well-being that its effect is worse than physical bullying or verbal harassment, the researchers found.

Quoted

"We're hardwired to be pack animals."

Sandra Robinson, co-author of study

"People are hypersensitive to being ignored or excluded," said the study's co-author Sandra Robinson, a professor in the Sauder School of Business.

"We're hardwired to be pack animals. We have to belong … and most of us are really uncomfortable if we get any cues that we don't."

Using a series of surveys, the researchers found that participants consistently said they didn't think workplace ostracism was less inappropriate, less psychologically harmful or less likely to be prohibited than harassment.

While many of us are taught that ignoring someone is socially preferable to verbal confrontation, Robinson said her team's research shows that being excluded is "acutely painful" in the workplace.

Ostracism can manifest in many ways, said Robinson, from people deliberately excluding co-workers from important meetings to "forgetting" to copy them on emails and giving them the silent treatment.

Since ostracism is less visible than physical or verbal harassment, however, it makes it more difficult to detect and address, said Robinson.

As many workplaces and schools are working to counter bullying and harassment, Robinson said, the study's findings highlight the need to also view ostracism as a form of bullying and include it in company harassment policies.

Guess who's not pregnant...

Prince William and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge — who are known as the Earl and Countess of Strathearn north of the English border — sample some whiskey during a tour of the Famous Grouse Distillery in Crieff, Scotland, Thursday. ANDREW MILLIGAN/GETTY IMAGES

Accused could pay deerly

Body-shop owner a Bambi-boozler?

Forty-one people in Philadelphia are facing charges in what prosecutors call an elaborate insurance-fraud scheme that used dead deer to fake car accidents.

Ronald Galati Sr. is accused of running a $5-million US scam out of his auto-body shop.

District Attorney Seth Williams said Wednesday that Galati coached customers to claim they'd struck a deer rather than a car. That way, insurance companies would consider them "no fault" accidents and pay the claims without raising the customers' premiums.

Investigators say Galati stored deer carcasses, blood and fur in the back of his shop to use as props.

Also charged are Galati's wife, son and daughter, several insurance adjusters, tow truck drivers, a city official and a police officer.

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South Africa. Case of baby girls switched at birth is before the courts

A South African court has approved an investigation into a case of two baby girls mistakenly switched at birth in a hospital in 2010 and given to different mothers who are now in disagreement over how to resolve the traumatic situation.

The Centre for Child Law, a South African group that promotes children's rights, said Thursday that a court has appointed it to find out about the switch at a Boksburg hospital near Johannesburg, and to decide what would be in the children's best interests.

One of the mothers, who is single and unemployed, recently learned about the mistake while trying to get child support. She wants her biological daughter to be placed in her care, and to return the other girl to her biological mother, according to court documents. But the second mother has refused.

"We have to do a comprehensive investigation regarding the circumstances of the swap, the children's current circumstances and what would be in the children's best interests in the long terms," Carina du Toit, an attorney at the Centre for Child Law, wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

"The investigation will include extensive co-operation with psychologists and counsellors," du Toit wrote.

The centre is based in the law faculty at the University of Pretoria. On Monday, a provincial court instructed it to submit a report on the baby swap case within 90 days.

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Morgentaler: 1 year later

Protesters gather at Victoria Park on the one-year anniversary of the death of Dr. Henry Morgentaler in Halifax on Thursday, as they campaign for improved access to abortion in Canada. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

From left, Jakaya M. Kikwete, president of the United Republic of Tanzania, Queen Rania of Jordan, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Melinda Gates and Laureen Harper pose for a photograph with students after Harper pledged an additional $3.5 billion over five years towards the government's maternal, newborn and child health initiative in Toronto on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

$3.5B pledge for maternal health

New funds. PM says he plans to 'persuade and cajole' other countries to follow suit

The Conservative government pledged an additional $3.5 billion over five years toward the prime minister's maternal, newborn and child health initiative, promising to "cajole" more from other countries.

Stephen Harper announced the new funds, for 2015 to 2020, at a Toronto-area primary school Thursday.

The commitment is slightly more than the $3.25 billion that a coalition of aid groups had been requesting, and was widely lauded by development organizations and international figures attending the summit Harper is hosting this week.

The money builds on Harper's five-year, $2.8-billion commitment to his so-called Muskoka Initiative, unveiled when Canada hosted the G8 summit in 2010.

Rosemary McCarney, a veteran Canadian aid worker who is one of the leaders of a 70-member coalition of aid groups, praised Harper for "a rolling, 10-year commitment, which is very rare in our world."

"We can actually produce real results when we've got time to get systems embedded in remote and rural communities," she added.

Harper said he planned to "persuade and cajole" other governments to follow Canada's lead and pony up more funds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Criticism

Conference lacks diverse voices, prof says

Stephen Brown, a political science professor who specializes in foreign aid, was highly critical of Harper's approach, though he said the funds are going to a worthy cause.

With the government continuing to cut foreign-aid spending, this new commitment will only reduce what Canada can do in other areas, he said.

"We're focusing on symptoms and we're abandoning the underlying causes, which are poverty and inequality," Brown said, adding the government excluded from the conferences anyone who might be critical of its policies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Judge orders gov't to rule yes or no on parole for death squad leader

South Africa apartheid era. Eugene de Kock has been in jail since 1994 after a killing spree that cost dozens of lives

This file photo taken Sept. 14, 1998, shows police death squad leader Eugene de Kock. DENIS FARRELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A South African judge has ordered the correctional services ministry to decide within 30 days whether to grant parole to the former head of a covert police unit that tortured and killed dozens of people during white rule.

Judge Thokozile Masipa ruled Wednesday in the case of Eugene de Kock, who confessed to murder and other crimes and was sentenced to life in prison. He has been in jail since 1994, when apartheid ended.

The case is highly sensitive for the South African government. It seeks to promote the ideals of reconciliation and forgiveness embodied by the late anti-apartheid leader, Nelson Mandela, but must also address the enduring anger of people who lost family members during white rule.

De Kock, has said he is the only member of the former police force serving time for crimes committed on behalf of South Africa's old order and he maintains he acted on instructions from leaders who were never punished.

His lawyer, Julian Knight, said de Kock is legally entitled to parole and has alleged that the government has violated his client's rights by delaying a decision on the latest parole request. Previous requests for parole were turned down.

Masipa's order instructs the minister of correctional services to "take a decision authorizing, alternately refusing, the placement of the Applicant on parole."

The order refers to a recommendation made by a government panel that advises the correctional services minister on parole decisions for offenders serving life terms. But it does not provide details on the recommendation.

The department of correctional services is considering the matter and will act in line with the judge's order, said spokesman Manelisi Wolela. He declined to comment further.

Judge Masipa is also overseeing the murder trial of athlete Oscar Pistorius, who is being assessed at a psychiatric hospital. The trial resumes June 30. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sex slavery activist leaves foundation after her background is questioned

A Cambodian woman internationally recognized for her work against sexual slavery has resigned from the foundation she helped create following reports that she distorted parts of her own history.

Somaly Mam's memoir, The Road of Lost Innocence, said she was abused and sold into prostitution as a child — one of several claims now being questioned

She received U.S. government funding for some of her early work, as well corporate sponsorship and backing from celebrities, including actress Susan Sarandon and Facebook executive Sheryl Sandberg.

A statement issued Wednesday by the foundation's executive-director, Gina Reiss-Wilchins, said Mam's resignation was accepted after the group was presented with the findings of an investigation it had commissioned from a California-based law firm, Goodwin Procter.

Mam's resignation followed a cover story in Newsweek about long-questioned aspects of her story. In Cambodia, questions had been raised for several years, especially by the newspaper The Cambodia Daily. Among the claims that had raised doubts were that her daughter had been kidnapped by traffickers seeking revenge on her, and that eight girls who had been seized from one of her group's refuges in Cambodia in 2004 were murdered by the army there.

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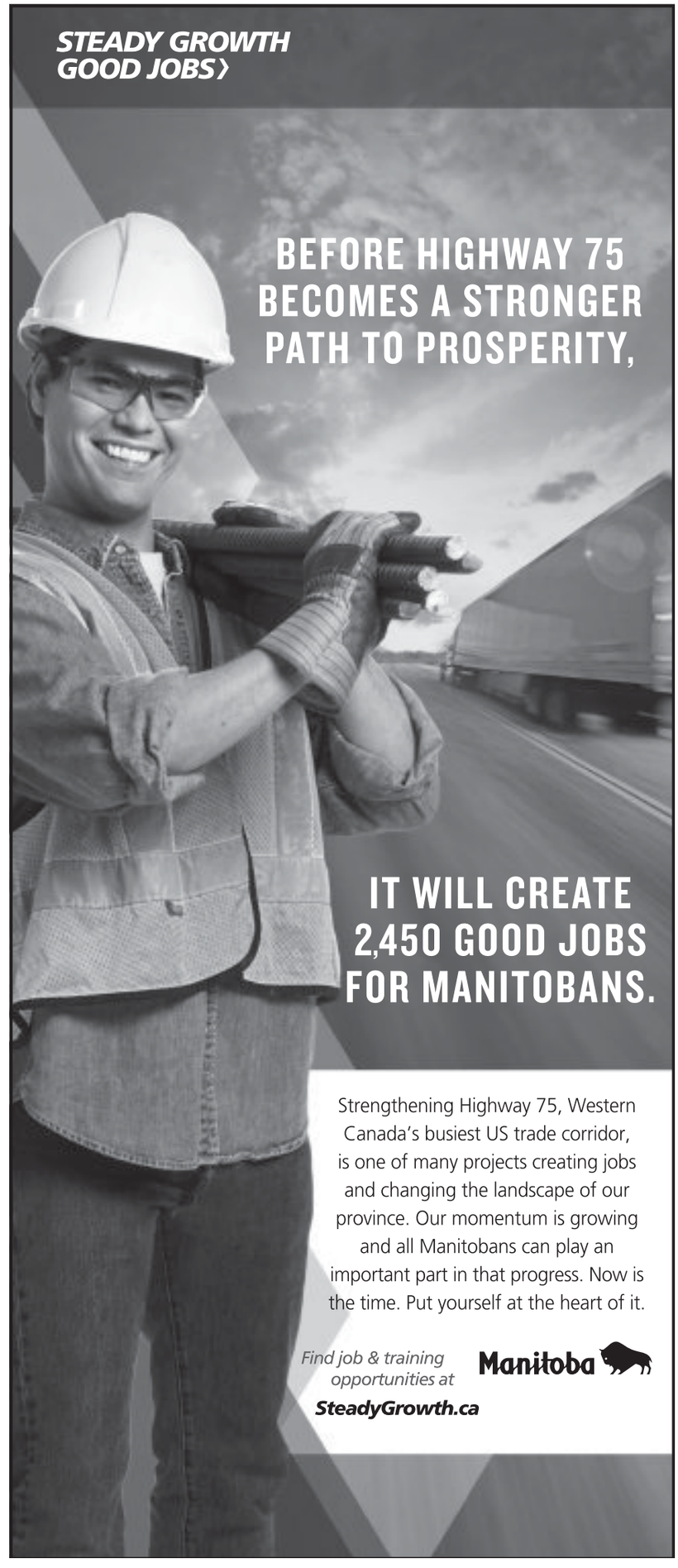
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More than two billion people worldwide are overweight: Study

World health. About two in three adults in the U.K. are overweight, making it the fattest country in Western Europe

Almost a third of the world is now fat, and no country has been able to curb obesity rates in the last three decades, according to a new global analysis.

Researchers found more than two billion people worldwide are now overweight or obese. The highest rates were in the Middle East and North Africa, where nearly 60 per cent of men and 65 per cent of women are heavy. The U.S. has about 13 per cent of the world's fat population, a greater percentage than any other country. China and India combined have about 15 per cent.

"It's pretty grim," said Christopher Murray of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, who led the study. He and colleagues reviewed more than 1,700 studies covering 188 countries from 1980 to 2013. "When we realized that not a single country has had a significant decline in obesity, that tells you how hard a challenge this is."

Murray said there was a strong link between income and obesity; in developing countries, as people get richer, their waistlines also tend to start bulging. In many rich countries like the U.S. and Britain, the trend is reversed — though only slightly. Murray said scientists have noticed accompanying spikes in diabetes as obesity has risen and that rates of cancers linked to weight, like pancreatic cancer, are also rising.

Even a few pounds helps

In Britain, the independent health watchdog issued new advice Wednesday recommending that heavy people be sent to free weight-loss classes to drop about three per cent of their weight.

The new report was paid for by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and published online Thursday in Lancet.

Last week, the World Health Organization established a high-level commission tasked with ending childhood obesity.

"Our children are getting fatter," Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO's director-general, said bluntly during a speech at the agency's annual meeting in Geneva. "Parts of the world are quite literally eating themselves to death." Earlier this year, WHO said that no more than five per cent of daily calories should come from sugar.

"Modernization has not been good for health," said obesity expert Syed Shah.

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British Columbia

Addicts win an injunction against the feds

Addicts who were using prescription heroin as part of a clinical trial in Vancouver have won a temporary injunction to continue getting the drug.

It's the second time in recent months that courts have interfered with a federal government attempt to rein in the medical use of otherwise illegal drugs.

Five people filed a lawsuit last fall alleging the federal government is violating their charter rights by denying them access to prescription heroin to treat their addictions.

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Newfoundland

Deal finalized to preserve carcass

Newfoundland and Labrador's Memorial University and the Royal Ontario Museum have finalized an agreement that will see the skeleton of a blue whale eventually displayed at the school.

The museum says it will begin dismantling the 23-metre whale this week after it washed ashore in Rocky Harbour on Newfoundland's west coast weeks ago. Officials from the museum travelled to the Woody Point area earlier this month to begin the process of preserving another whale carcass. The whales were crushed or drowned in thick pack ice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

One man's solution to a pothole plague

Entrepreneur Bill Mont fills in some potholes on Canal Street in Dartmouth, N.S., Thursday. The pothole problem in Halifax is so bad, Mont is taking matters into his own hands. "I decided today ... I'm not going to beat my car up anymore.... They're deep holes." A Halifax spokesperson said the pothole problem has been particularly pernicious this year, with more than 8,700 patched since January and another 1,500 still waiting to be done. Jennifer Stewart said residents are asked not to take action like Mont. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Veterans Affairs. Fantino accused of ignoring the plight of vets with PTSD

Veterans Affairs is spending an additional $4 million on advertising this year — including television spots throughout the NHL playoffs — but ignoring the plight of families who care for injured soldiers, says the spouse of a vet with post-traumatic stress disorder.

An angry Jenifer Migneault chased after Julian Fantino and demanded to speak to the veterans affairs minister on Thursday after his appearance at a House of Commons committee. But Fantino chose not to stop and explain the government's position. "I'm offended," Migneault said afterward. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Veterans Affairs Minister Julian Fantino attends a Commons veterans committee in Ottawa, Thursday.

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Study. 'Concerning pattern' of teen boys regularly viewing porn

A survey of thousands of young Canadian students across the country found a "concerning pattern" of teenaged boys seeking out pornography regularly, according to the non-profit organization MediaSmarts, while accounts of sexting were also commonplace.

The Ottawa-based digital literacy group, which was launched as a CRTC initiative in the 1990s, worked with schools and parents in each province and territory to conduct a wide-ranging survey with 5,436 students in Grades 4 through 11 about their lives online. Questions about sexuality were limited to the older students in Grades 7 through 11.

Forty per cent of the boys admitted to looking for porn online, and the ones that did typically said they were frequently searching for it, says Matthew Johnson, director of education for MediaSmarts.

A third of the boys who admitted to viewing porn said they did so daily, another third said they did so at least once a week, and almost one in five said it was at least once a month.

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Visitors to the Forbidden City carry children holding Chinese national flags in Beijing. Some 15 to 20 million Chinese parents are now allowed to have a second baby. NG HAN GUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Laxer rules could mean 2M more babies a year

China. Some couples will be allowed to have a second child under new rules

China is preparing for two million extra babies a year as a result of a loosening of its "one child" birth limits that will allow more couples to have two children, health officials said Thursday.

The party announced in November that couples in which one parent was an only child would be allowed to have a second baby in some areas. Previously, both parents had to be an only child to qualify for this exemption.

China already faces a shortage of maternity beds, said Wang Guoqing, a deputy minister of the National Health and Family Planning Commission.

Local authorities have been told to build more health facilities for women and children and add maternity beds, said Zhang Shikun, an official with the commission in charge of women and children's health.

China had 18.5 million births in 2013, according to the UN children's agency UNICEF. The forecast increase would be the equivalent of about 11 per cent of that. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'One child' policy history

The ruling Communist Party introduced birth limits in 1980 to curb population growth and demand for water and other resources.

- Pressure to enforce limits has led local officials to force women to abort fetuses or to be sterilized, even though such measures are illegal.

Zhengzhou. Five injured after cop misfires gun at kindergarten safety talk

A handgun went off during a police safety talk at a kindergarten in the central Chinese city of Zhengzhou on Thursday, injuring four adults and one child, police said.

The gun misfired during a demonstration and the bullet struck the ground, sending up sparks and cement that hit the arms and legs of bystanders, the city's Zhengdong police post said on its microblog. The injuries were minor, the statement said. It said two police officers involved were confined as an internal punishment by the department, and that a deputy director, a squad chief and an instructor had been suspended. Police extended "heartfelt apologies," it said.

Until recently, few Chinese police carried guns. China has some of the world's most restrictive gun laws and prohibits almost all private gun ownership. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dish Network to accept bitcoin

Dish Network Corp. says it will become the largest company yet to accept payment in bitcoin.

The satellite TV company says it will begin accepting the digital coins through payment processor Coinbase by September. Coinbase will instantly convert the bitcoins into cash, eliminating the risk of price fluctuations to Dish.

Dish's chief operating officer, Bernie Han, says the idea came from company employees who had become avid bitcoin users.

While Han says demand for the payment system is unclear, it aligns the Englewood, Colo., company's high-tech offerings — such as the ability to watch live TV on mobile devices — with the tech-savvy customers it is trying to reach.

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Ex-prime minister

Brian Mulroney set to be named Quebecor chair

Former prime minister Brian Mulroney is set to become chairman of media and telecom company Quebecor in a show of stability following the recent departure of its chief executive and the launch of controlling shareholder Pierre Karl Péladeau's political career as an avowed separatist.

Mulroney, who has been vice-chairman, is expected to be elected chairman on June 19 when Quebecor holds its annual meeting, the company said in a filing with securities regulators ahead of the gathering.

"I do think that it does calm the waters because of who Brian Mulroney is," says Karl Moore, a professor at McGill University's Desautels Faculty of Management.

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Market Minute

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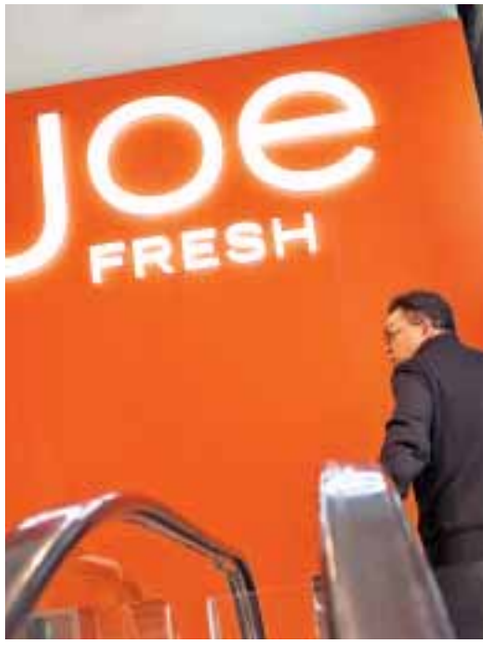

Canadian clothier goes global

A shopper rides an escalator to Joe Fresh in the former Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto on Thursday. The Canadian clothing brand is betting that affordable fashion is a concept that knows no borders as it opens a location in South Korea this weekend — its first store outside North America. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dre's style the apple of tech companies' eye

Biting into Beats. Gadget giants look to Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine on getting to core of what makes wearables functional *and* fashionable

Fashion + accessory

"I guess they are accessories, but I would not say they are high fashion."

Alison Minton, a blogger who writes about accessories, jewelry and handbags on accessorygeneration.com

Beats Electronics' colourful, oversized headphones serve as a fashion accessory to cool kids riding the New York City subway, but as tech companies such as Apple, Samsung and others are discovering, wearable gadgets like smartwatches and Google Glass still have a long way to go to become trendy, must-have consumer items.

Apple's $3-billion US purchase of Beats Electronics, by far the company's largest acquisition, is at least in part recognition that Beats founders Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine might be able to help Apple incorporate more style and flair into its premium technology gadgets, especially a coming wave of wearable devices.

Technology companies see wearables as an important area of growth beyond smartphones and tablets, and many are slowly realizing that if they expect people to wear gadgets — be they bracelets to monitor fitness activity, smartwatches to substitute smartphones or Internet-connected goggles — those devices must focus as much on form as function.

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Google. Silicon Valley co. with the rainbow logo has mostly white, male staff

Google has had more trouble diversifying its workforce than its computer scientists have had writing programs that respond to search requests in the blink of an eye or designing cars that can navigate traffic without a human behind the wheel.

That seemed to be the conclusion when the Silicon Valley, Calif., giant this week issued a gender and ethnic breakdown of its workforce that showed that of its 26,600 U.S. employees, 61 per cent are white, 30 per cent Asian, three per cent Hispanic and two per cent black. Thirty per cent of its employees are women.

"Google is miles from where we want to be," said Laszlo Bock, head of personnel at Google.

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Cooler heads prevailed. Sriracha hot sauce factory no longer public nuisance

The fiery fight is apparently over between the makers of a popular hot sauce and a small Southern California city that said its factory's smells were unbearable.

The Irwindale City Council voted Wednesday night to drop a public nuisance declaration and lawsuit against Huy Fong Foods, makers of Sriracha hot sauce. The dual moves brought an effective end to the spicy-air dispute that had Sriracha devotees worried about future sauce shortages and had suitors including the state of Texas offering Huy Fong a friendlier home.

The closed-session council vote was unanimous with one councilman abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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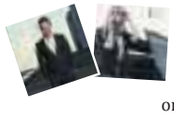

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THE METRO LIST

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1 Casting stones. This week's most illuminating tale is that of the saintly paragons of morality at Chaste Bank of America. Pardon me. CHASE Bank. I never get that right. Anyway, the virtuous crusaders have put their feet piously down on holy ground and courageously shut down the personal bank accounts of adult entertainers. Bravo to this bastion of righteousness for standing high above the rest. Management has yet to officially outline the crackdown criteria, but there's probably nothing to worry about unless you've ever done anything that anyone you've never met thinks is wrong.

2 High aspirations. Former B.C. premier Mike Harcourt is turning over a new leaf. And rolling it into a joint. As chair of the new medical marijuana company True Leaf Medicine Inc., Harcourt believes he can help people cope with pain. The enterprise has applied for a grow licence and will research different strains of cannabis to address various conditions. Despite the tour de force, this politician will still not admit to ever having inhaled himself.

3 Kim Kan. Kan Kanye? Kim Kardashian and Kanye West legitimized their blessed union in lavish fashion last weekend. Kim looked resplendent in her Givenchy dress, which defied critique but for the purity of its white. Ceremony and reception were held in two separate European countries, reminiscent of my own wedding, which took place in two separate rooms, but hey, that's just how I roll. Mazel tov, Kimye.

4 The defence rests. The Indiana Pacers live to fight another day after holding LeBron James to just seven points in Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals. But the top trending subject in basketball is still #DonaldSterling.

5 Unnatural causes? Word of the week is #TechNeck, which happens when we spend too much time looking down at smartphones. Elle magazine blew the lid off this scientific scoop warning of dire consequences like wrinkles, double chins and loose skin. Unless, of course, you already have these things, in which case, text away.

6 22? Me too! Census Bureau Information revealed that for the first time since 1947, baby boomers are not the majority generation. Apparently, there are now more 22-year-olds than any other age, which explains a lot, but also makes me really wonder, "What the hell was I doing in 1992?"

7 Out of the Blue. Memorial Day turned musical with the renaming of a New York street in honour of jazz legend Miles Davis. On what would have been the trumpet maven's 88th birthday, a stretch of the Upper West Side newly entitled Miles Davis Way further immortalized the bebop bandleader, and forever became a destination for transcendental grooviness. Can you dig it?

8 Travelling Shoes. America mourns the loss of a poet, author and civil-rights activist in the incomparable Maya Angelou. She was 86 and bequeathed her repertoire of words to the world. I leave you with Angelou's line in Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion: "Love is many things. It's varied. One thing it is not, and can never be, is unsure." #RIP

ZOOM

Saving grace in Cracolandia

A woman, left, stands as she sings with members of the Paz e Vida church as other drug users gather in a Cracolandia in a northern slum of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. FELIPE DANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Preachers minister to addicts in Brazil's 'cracklands'

Dressed immaculately, the evangelical preachers head out to work when night falls. They journey through the gloom into the "cracklands" where addicts consume crack cocaine in open-air dens.

After midnight, hundreds of grime-covered addicts lie on the sidewalks of the Jacarezinho slum. They focus on little more than the next fix, on finding a lighter to put flame to pipe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What the tourists in Rio won't see

This horror scene, well hidden from the eyes of tourists heading to Rio for the World Cup,is one some of the preachers know well.

Not long ago, many were addicts themselves. Now they're here to preach the Gospels. They talk of God to those who will listen, hoping to find converts, to rescue souls from the crack epidemic that's swept Brazil in recent years. Pastor Celio Ricardo says he has had hit-and-miss success in persuading users to at least try quitting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Feeding body before soul

"At first they need to rest because this drug leaves them hallucinated.... They lose hunger, they lose the will to live. They want to drug themselves to death, and here we try to reverse that situation."

Pastor Celio Ricardo,
who says the first challenge is taking care of the physical needs of addicts — only then can they go on to tackle spiritual issues.

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MetroTube

Part man, part owl, all viral terror

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The Lord of Tears is a 2013 Scottish horror film starring Owl Man, an avian take on Slender Man, with a distinct interest in a schoolteacher.

So what do people tasked with promoting a movie armed with a ghastly villain do? They take it viral, of course, beginning with spooking bored browsers on Chatroulette. That's cool, I guess.

However, lurking in the shadows is England's abandoned St. Mary's Children's Hospital to terrorize amateur photographers?

GETTY IMAGES

That's terrific stuff. Or fake stuff, perhaps. Note: Obviously, there's some salty language involved. (LordofTearsMovie/YouTube)

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Death by a million tired gags

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Jokes not as wild as the West in MacFarlane's latest film. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Set in Arizona's wild west, MacFarlane is Albert, a mild-mannered sheep farmer who hates the frontier. "It's a disgusting dirty place," he says, "a cesspool of despair." The despair of his day-to-day life is compounded when his girlfriend, Louise (Amanda Seyfried), dumps him and takes up with a wealthy owner of a moustache grooming shop (Neil Patrick Harris). He finds love again with a mysterious stranger Anna (Charlize Theron), who helps him cope with dangerous frontier life and grow a backbone. His newfound courage is tested when Anna's husband, outlaw Clinch (Liam Neeson) rides into town. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- **Richard:** ●●●○○
- **Steve:** ●●○○○

Not quite cringeworthy.
MacFarlane disappoints with mostly safe jokes

Richard: Steve, I laughed at A Million Ways to Die in the West, but strangely enough, I was hoping to be more offended by it. Each week on his show Family Guy, Seth MacFarlane manages at least one joke that makes me cringe. I expected him to push the envelope even further for the big screen. Sure there are some wild and crazy jokes here, but they're at the level of Judd Apatow, not MacFarlane. Was it outrageous enough for you?

Steve: It is outrageous, but the brazenness in MacFarlane's big-screen sophomore effort is buried beneath more juvenile gags involving bodily gases than the off-kilter comedy his show or Ted succeeds with. Perhaps by covering off all areas of writing, directing and then hiring himself as the lead, MacFarlane suffers from an inability to self-edit. Speaking of, what do you think of MacFarlane as leading man?

RC: I do find him funny, but I can't help but hear Peter Griffin in his voice and I find that distracting. His part is basically one joke. He's the fish out of water who speaks like a 21st century smart aleck. For instance, as people around him are killed in increasingly wild ways — hence the movie's title — he observes, "We should all just wear coffins for clothes." It's a good line, but his overall performance is more Bob Hope than John Wayne.

SG: It's true but, in this, MacFarlane seems to think his gags are more brilliant than they actually are — as if audiences haven't seen an explosive diarrhea gag before. That said, when he pushes social mores, he goes for the jugular focusing most notably on historic racism. It comes off for some uneven narrative. It's a good thing he surrounds himself with a solid supporting cast.

RC: Comparisons to Blazing Saddles are inevitable. Both movies have social commentary mixed with cringeworthy gags — some may literally make you gag — but A Million Ways to Die in the West doesn't have the satiric subtext that made Mel Brooks' movie great. MacFarlane relies on anachronisms and shock-value jokes to raise a smile, and spends too much time on the love story. Brooks went for the jugular, and 40 years on it's still funny and edgy. A Million Ways to Die does have at least one classic moment that will appeal to everyone over age 30 and the most undignified duel ever, but it doesn't have much resonance.

SG: It doesn't have much heart, either. Although Charlize Theron does a stalwart job playing the romantic interest against MacFarlane's spineless pessimist, the filmmaker's ceaseless determination for punchlines only undermines the film's attempt at circling back to an earnest love story. In that respect, it lies as lifeless as the film's many, many corpses. And that includes the western town's unnoticed, three-day dead mayor.

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When you're fascinated by failure

Filth. Writer Irvine Welsh has always loved characters whose lives are crumbling

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Metro World News in Hollywood

James McAvoy (right) plays a convincing middle-aged alcoholic cop in Filth, which opens in select markets Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Scottish author Irvine Welsh has made a career of chronicling not-too-nice characters in books like Trainspotting, Porno and Filth. That last one, about a corrupt, drug-abusing detective vying for a promotion, is the latest of Welsh's works to make it to the screen, with usually very nice James McAvoy in the main role.

In adapting Filth to film, did you worry actors like James McAvoy, Jamie Bell and Imogen Poots might be too pretty to play these characters?
That was the original concern with James. When I first met him he looked about 10 years old, basically, and I thought there's no way he's going to be able to play a 40-year-old divorced alcoholic cop, but he does rough up very well. He really did look the part. The makeup and costume were fantastic, but it was just his way of carrying himself with that sneer and that alcoholic kind of attitude that he could exude.

It's a very taxing lifestyle this character lives.
Yeah, the guy is in complete disintegration. We catch him at a really bad time in his life. If you're a novelist, you're essentially a dramatist, and that's where the drama kind of lies. If we're having a bad time, we start making all the bad decisions, compounding that misery. I think that's where the drama lies. The drama doesn't lie in that nice, hard-working middle class suburban guy who everything is going right with. It's when things start to fall apart in people's lives that things get interesting from a novelistic point of view.

What draws you to these types of characters?
I'm always interested in the mechanisms by which people fail. Failure has always fascinated me. I find it much more interesting than success. Success is pretty boring. If you're successful at something, you just feel good about yourself, and you get on your high horse and start talking nonsense about how you see the world and all that, imparting your wisdom whether people want it or not. But failure comes in all different forms. It teaches you things.

James McAvoy gets to actually be Scottish on screen for once.
Yeah, he does! He's kind of been everything but Scottish in so many roles, so it was very fun for him, I think. And he wasn't even speaking in his own voice. He's from the west of Scotland, and he was speaking in a very east of Scotland accent. Americans won't notice the difference, but to Scottish ears it's very, very apparent, and it's a very difficult thing for somebody from the west of Scotland to pull off convincingly an east of Scotland accent. If you have a Glaswegian do a bad Edinburgh accent, it really hits home.

You're right, I don't think American audiences will catch that.
Yeah, they won't care (laughs).

Any updates on the talks of a Trainspotting sequel?
We actually all got together in a flat last week, the creative team from Trainspotting. We just took an apartment in Edinburgh and hung out together, just to see if it was feasible, to see if we can get a script together. And that's a big challenge. I think we're all conscious of the legacy, and if we just find that we can't get a script together that's at least as good as the original — which is kind of a tall order, really — then we'll just leave it. We won't trash the legacy of the original, but if we come up with something really special that has a bit of magic in it, then sure. Obviously it would be a very different film because the characters in it would be 20 years older, so it wouldn't be a youth movie in the way that Trainspotting was. But I think there's something interesting about these characters being middle-aged and not coping with it well or pulling one last big scam, centred around the pornography and sex world. But we're still in that stage of trying to find out how viable it is.

Seeing is believing. Glasses promise to give moviegoers a new experience

At first glance, they might look like the 3D glasses that ushers hand out at the local multiplex every time the latest instalment of a superhero franchise hits the big screen, but they could revolutionize everything from traditional visual storytelling to gaming and advertising.

It's a big boast, and to prove that it's one being made in all seriousness, PipeDream Interactive, the company behind the glasses, has turned to crowdfunding not just to build an esthetically pleasing production version but also to fund the making of a film that will showcase the technology's capabilities. Invisivision uses interchangeable filters that can be raised or lowered over the eye to reveal or to hide extra visual information. Rather than pioneering a new technology, the glasses have found a new use for stereoscopic 3D — where two slightly offset images of the same scene are broadcast together to create the illusion of depth for any viewer sporting 3D glasses. It's how 3D TVs work and it's how blockbuster movies are screened.

The idea behind Invisivision is to use stereoscopic 3D to stream two completely different or complementing images that can be revealed or hidden by raising or lowering one of the headset's filters. So the second stream could contain subtitles or show the action from a completely different perspective or offer annotations and other 'Easter eggs.' All of which would offer a new way of seeing and telling stories, of revealing plot devices or keeping them hidden, or of providing exposition. Invisivision wants to make an innovative film in order to showcase the potential. The short, entitled Propose-Coloured Glasses, has already been written and the services of director Glenn Forbes and actors Aaron Ashmore and J.P. Manoux have been secured.
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These new glasses feature different filters that could stream content like subtitles and different perspectives. AFP

Xavier Dolan has a mama complex

Tom at the Farm.
Young filmmaker admits he's obsessed with the mother figure

Xavier Dolan directs and stars in Tom at the Farm. CONTRIBUTED

Quebec filmmaking whiz Xavier Dolan says his first three films — I Killed My Mother, Heartbeats and Laurence Anyways — are about the subject of impossible love.

But he also admits those movies, as well as subsequent efforts Tom at the Farm and recent Cannes Film Festival hit Mommy, share another link — a certain type of character he has a fixation with.

"I'm obsessed, I think, with the mother figure, obviously," the 25-year-old director-actor-writer said in an interview. "It's always there in my movies."

And so it was that, when Dolan saw Québécois author Michel Marc Bouchard's French-language play Tom a la ferme, he was struck by the widowed mother grieving the loss of one of two sons on her rural property. When her late son's secret lover arrives for the funeral, a dark dynamic develops.

The mother figure was "literally the first thing that hit close to home when I watched the play and decided to adapt it into a movie," said Dolan.

"I was like, 'Whoa, the mom — sick character' ... When I saw her and her being exhausted and living on that farm and being so ... desperate for company, I was like, 'That's inspiring.'"

In Dolan's Tom at the Farm — opening Friday in Toronto and Vancouver, and in Victoria on June 20 — the mother, Agathe, is played with perfect nuance by Lise Roy, who also starred in the play. Pierre-Yves Cardinal brings a chilling intensity to Francis, her son whose dark side emerges when the late brother's partner, Tom (Dolan), visits their Quebec farm from the city and finds it hard to leave.

Bouchard co-wrote the film with Dolan, who had never before based a film on someone else's work. Dolan said he didn't want to be judgmental when it came to the characters living in the countryside.

"I've been brought up in the country half of my childhood and then the other half in town and I don't want this to come off as prejudiced," the Montreal native said in a downtown hotel room at the Toronto International Film Festival.

"These people are crazy, wherever they live. That is a case of sheer insanity that Tom is encountering and it's not about hicks that will (mess) you up," he added, using an expletive. "It's not the way I thought. It's not a Deliverance thing.

"Tom was the opportunity to try to bridge that ever-growing gap not only between city and country, but between human beings who are just evolving in different environments but who both feel the loneliness and who are both wounded."

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Ratings: *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:* +

Sci-Fi & Fantasy

Maleficent

Director. Robert Stromberg

Stars. Angelina Jolie

Maleficent explores the untold story of Disney's most iconic villain from the classic Sleeping Beauty and the elements of her betrayal that ultimately turn her pure heart to stone. Driven by revenge and a fierce desire to protect the moors over which she presides, Maleficent cruelly places an irrevocable curse upon the human king's newborn infant Aurora. As the child grows, Aurora is caught in the middle of a seething conflict.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 52% **Audience:** + 98%

Sci-Fi

Under the Skin

Director. Jonathan Glazer

Stars. Scarlett Johansson, Paul Brannigan

Scarlett Johansson plays an alien in human form who is on a journey through Scotland.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 86% **Audience:** 63%

Comedy

The Grand Seduction

Director. Don McKellar

Stars. Brendan Gleeson, Gordon Pinsent

A small fishing village must procure a local doctor to secure a lucrative business contract. When unlikely candidate and big city doctor Paul Lewis lands in their lap for a trial residence, the townsfolk rally together to charm him into staying. As the doctor's time in the village winds to a close, acting mayor Murray French has no choice but to pull out all the stops.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 56% **Audience:** + 71%

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Shy Susan's ready to take on the world

Willing and able. With a U.S. tour set to roll in the fall, the Brit singing sensation talks about confidence, acting and collaborations

Five years after her musical breakthrough, Susan Boyle says she's feeling confident and comfortable — and ready to launch her first U.S. tour.

The 53-year-old will hit the road in October on a 21-date trek across the U.S. Boyle said she hadn't been ready to take on the tour after her pop-culture moment in 2009, but now she's more relaxed and ready to perform.

"I didn't have the confidence. I didn't have the right experience, but I feel more ready now, and I really can't wait," she said in a phone interview Thursday from her home in Scotland.

Boyle was chipper and excited when talking about her American tour, which she said will include "a few surprises." The tour kicks off Oct. 8 in San Diego, Calif.; tickets go on sale June 9.

Baby steps

"It's like a baby learning to walk, really. But once ... you see the people embrace you, it becomes easier."

Susan Boyle on what it was like to be thrust into the limelight after her captivating performance on Britain's Got Talent.

She said the tour is a "thank you" to fans. She's released an album each year since she captivated the world when she sang I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent in 2009. She's sold more than 14 million records worldwide.

"The adaptation at first wasn't very easy because you have to get used to it at first," she said of learning to deal with fame. "It's like a baby learning to walk really. But once ... you see the people embrace you, it becomes easier."

Boyle revealed last year that she had been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism. She said she's healthy and feeling better than ever. "Everything is fine. I've never felt better. I'm ready to go," she said.

Boyle's tour, which includes performances in Sacramento, Calif., Phoenix, Ariz. and Atlanta, Ga. will wrap Nov. 6 in Jacksonville, Fla.

"I like to be kept busy, but I'd like to see some of the country as well. And I'll be travelling by bus, anyway, so I'll see most of the country," she said.

Boyle said her tour will include some new material. She's completed her sixth album, due out this year, which heads in a "jazzy-blues direction."

Outside of music, Boyle said she's interested in acting after making her big-screen debut in the holiday movie The Christmas Candle.

"I haven't done much acting before ... so it felt a bit strange to begin with. But once you get used to it, it becomes fun and you start to enjoy yourself," she said.

"I'd like to balance the books a bit — I'd like to do a bit of singing and a bit of acting."

Would she consider Broadway? "The sky's the limit. I'm open to offers," she said, laughing.

She's open to offers from musicians who want to collaborate, though she wants to make an offer to one singer.

"My favourite performer is Michael Bublé and I'd like to work with him at some point," she said.

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Susan Boyle performs her musical I Dreamed A Dream at the Theatre Royal in Newcastle, England in March 2012. Overcoming her confidence issues, the 53-year-old hits the road in October on a 21-date U.S. tour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Split seasons aren't winning any fans

But they might win an Emmy. Mad Men, Scandal and others score advertising dollars and string out award eligibility with 'half season' finales

Harry Hamlin, Vincent Kartheiser, Christina Hendricks, Jon Hamm and John Slattery in the Mad Men mid-season finale. But we'll have to wait till next year to learn how the series ends. Welcome to the 'half season' finale, where networks stretch out seasons by breaking them in half. CONTRIBUTED

So you're watching Mad Men and expecting an epic series finale. It's everything you anticipated, with a dead guy singing and people landing on the moon.

And now you're left on the hook for another year to figure out what the heck happens to advertising firm SC&P. That's right. Next year. Welcome to the "half season" finale.

It means lots of foreplay and some very dissatisfied customers. Or, in more PG-friendly terms, it's the equivalent of getting half a bag of chips at your corner store and then being told the rest will come later.

What's up with that? If your grocer gave you half a bag of anything, they'd be out of business. Split seasons aren't new, but have become increasingly common in television, with everyone from Grey's Anatomy to Scandal and Once Upon a Time getting in on the action.

For networks, it's a chance to milk more eyeballs and advertising dollars. If you've been following Mad Men, you know that the truth is the first casualty in advertising. So instead of calling it an extra short season, networks now say it's a "split season."

"Why break it in half?" Stephen Colbert pointedly asked Mad Men creator Matthew Weiner on The Colbert Report.

Weiner said it was simply about ratings. AMC did the same thing with Breaking Bad and it built the show in "a huge way," he told Colbert.

But who can remember what happened a year later? (At least we now have someone to blame for the growing industry of bloggers who spend sleepless nights recapping shows.)

What Weiner didn't say is that by splitting the season over two years, Mad Men is eligible for another year of Emmys.

The show has garnered a Best Drama Emmy nomination for every year that it has been eligible.

More importantly, by running the final half next year, it doesn't compete against that other AMC juggernaut, Breaking Bad, for Emmy Awards. Breaking Bad is eligible this year as well because of its split season last year.

The move also allows AMC to trumpet the "final, final season" of its most storied franchises for more than a year.

So, yes, it's mostly a cynical exercise in getting more eyeballs and awards.

Creators, including Breaking Bad's Vince Gilligan and Shonda Rhimes of Grey's Anatomy, says the split season also gives them a breather to create better product. I can buy that, although I'm not sure how putting artificially induced cliffhangers in the middle of your story arc just so audiences will return makes sense — and that's especially true in the hands of lesser geniuses, especially if you're not a Gilligan or a Rhimes.

Creatively, it's not clear that a split season was best used on Once Upon a Time, a fairy-tale jambalaya that got more confusing and silly as the show ran on.

ABC recently announced that Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. will go the split season route for Season 2. Seriously though, will anyone care what happens to HYDRA then?

Unfortunately, TV executives are betting on it.

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Paying twice

Frustrated fan fights back — and wins

Maybe we should all follow the lead of Breaking Bad fan Noam Lazebnik, who sued Apple's iTunes for what he says is essentially charging extra for the series finale. He expected to get all 16 episodes when he paid up, but Apple sold the final eight episodes as a separate season.

If the networks are already saying it's one season, it's a rip-off to pay twice, Lazebnik alleged. Apple promptly capitulated with refunds.

Lazebnik is on to something. We should put a stop to this split-season madness before it gets any worse.

So here's one way to send a message: Fans should start a class-action suit against Matthew Weiner for false advertising. Sign us up now before we forget what happened in the mid-season finale last Sunday.

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Dethroned. CBC lineup cans Republic of Doyle

The CBC is cancelling Republic of Doyle after its upcoming season, while adding a Second World War spy series and a western to its TV lineup.

The budget-crunched public broadcaster announced its 2014-15 schedule at a news conference Thursday morning.

From the creators of Flashpoint, Camp X is about covert agents training on the shores of Lake Ontario. Inspired by true stories, it's set to air next winter. In the fall, viewers can expect Strange Empire, set in 1869 along the Alberta-Montana border. Featuring female heroes, it's from the woman behind Durham County.

Also announced was the animated story Pirate's Passage, featuring the voice of Donald Sutherland, and the miniseries The Book of Negroes, based on the award-winning novel. The schedule will also feature a new half-hour comedy co-created and starring SCTV alum Eugene Levy.

International shows bound for the public broadcaster include Australia's Secrets and Lies and the BBC's The Honourable Woman, starring Maggie Gyllenhaal. "We're trying different ideas in all of our content areas," Heather Conway, executive vice-president, CBC English Services, said in a statement.

Doyle will wrap after the new season, its sixth, while favourites Dragons' Den and Murdoch Mysteries also return to the lineup. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Allan Hawco as private eye Jake Doyle in the CBC TV series Republic of Doyle. CBC

Avatar. Cameron, Cirque du soleil to create live show

The Cirque du soleil and James Cameron are teaming up to develop a live show based on the film director's revolutionary movie Avatar.

The live show is set to premiere in Montreal in late 2015 and then play venues around the world.

Cameron and Cirque du soleil president Daniel Lamarre made the announcement about the new project at a news conference in Montreal on Thursday. Lamarre said there is a creative challenge involved in bringing Avatar to the stage.

"We have to deliver to the level of James Cameron, which is not easy, but that's the challenge we gave to ourselves," Lamarre said.

It's a second collaboration between Cameron and the Cirque du soleil. The Canadian-born Cameron served as executive producer and camera operator in the 2012 3D film Cirque du soleil: Worlds Away.

"We hope to create an experience that's going to be absolutely unique for a global audience," Cameron said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

James Cameron announces a Cirque du soleil show based on Avatar Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top of the charts

Azalea matches the Beatles

Australian rapper Iggy Azalea has scored a U.S. chart double only previously achieved by the Beatles, with hits at number one and number two, according to Billboard magazine.

The Aussie star's Fancy rose from No. 2 to top the Billboard Hot 100, while she appears as a guest on Ariana Grande's Problem, which moved from third to second place. The Fab Four are the only other artist to have their two debut hits score the top two spots, with I Want to Hold Your Hand at No. 1 and She Loves You at number two in February 1964, Billboard says. **AFP**

Iggy Azalea AFP

Searching for $$$

Sugar Man mired in copyright feud

Sixto Rodriguez, the subject of the Oscar-winning documentary Searching for Sugar Man, has been pulled into a lawsuit over songs on an 1970 album of his.

The dispute centres on ownership of the songs on Cold Fact and contracts between Rodriguez and two music companies. Gomba Music Inc. is suing Interior Music Corp., claiming copyright to Rodriguez's songs, saying he concealed his writing role to sidestep a publishing agreement with Gomba. Interior blames Rodriguez and named him as a third-party defendant. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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3 songs for the weekend

One to rock, one to shock, and a guy taking the ukelele where no man has gone before

See that symbol? It means you can scan this image with your Metro News app to listen to Alan's recommended songs this week.

Woman to Woman/The Coppertone

Imagine a woman who sounds like a cross between Jack White and the Black Keys with a little ZZ Top thrown in. The Coppertone has spent the last couple of years writing more than 200 songs, four of which appear on a new EP entitled The Bakery.

Pitbull Terrier/ Die Antwoord

Another single/video from South Africa's craziest and scariest musical collective. Violent, weird and definitely NSFW. But you have to marvel at this band's unrelenting intensity.

War Ensemble (Slayer cover)/ Jeff Scallon

Can anyone tell me when the ukulele turned into a hipster instrument? Actually, it's now much more than that given what Scallon has done with this Slayer song.

Video game review

Name. Thomas Was Alone

For. PC/Mac/PS3/PS Vita/iPad

Rated. Everyone

Laura is shy and self-conscious after coming off some difficult relationships. John's height has made him overconfident while little Chris is miserable, but happily so. These aren't people, but simple, coloured blocks in a puzzle game, and yet thanks to witty narration by Danny Wallace, we can feel their hopes and insecurities as they face death traps and try to learn to work together. This is an ingenious game you play, not for the graphics, but the story. Not to solve puzzles, but simply to see what laughs come next. **KRIS ABEL**

Mind the App

Dancing in the street

Bounden
iPhone, $3.99

In this dancing game choreographed by the Dutch National Ballet, you and a partner grasp your phone and move together to complete entangling puzzles that twirl you through elegant dances. **KRIS ABEL**

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt arrive at the world premiere of Maleficent in Los Angeles. JOHN SHEARER/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukrainian TV host arrested after pulling yet another not-so-funny celeb 'prank'

Angelina Jolie wasn't the only villain at the premiere of Maleficent on Wednesday: A dude came up to Brad Pitt and hit him for no reason.

Vitalii Sediuk, a Ukrainian TV presenter, vaulted over the security barrier at the Maleficent premiere and struck Pitt, according to Variety. Security quickly subdued Sediuk and held him until the LAPD arrived to arrest him. He's been arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor battery. He is being held on $20,000 US bail.

This is not the first time that Sediuk has pulled one of his "pranks," which aren't particularly funny and seem more like run-of-the-mill harassment. Just a few weeks ago, he crashed the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival and stuck his head under America Ferrera's dress. He's also tried to kiss Will Smith on the mouth and groped Leonardo DiCaprio and Bradley Cooper at other red carpet events. He even managed to be onstage at the Grammys this year when Adele accepted one of her awards.

In this series of photos, actor Will Smith reacts after Ukrainian TV reporter Vitalii Sediuk tried to kiss the actor at a May 2012 premiere of Men in Black III in Moscow. VIDEO STILL FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From left, actors Djimon Hounsou, Cate Blanchett, America Ferrera and Kit Harington in Cannes on May 16. A man who turned out to be Vitalii Sediuk stuck his head under Ferrera's dress at the photocall. GETTY IMAGES

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Tarantino and Thurman? Apparently, he's loved her for years

Love is in the air for the Bride: Uma Thurman and Quentin Tarantino are reportedly seeing each other.

Thurman, 44, broke up with her fiancé Arpad Busson last month. Since then, she and Tarantino, who has directed her in numerous films, have begun seeing each other, according to Us Weekly.

They were extremely cosy on the red carpet for Clouds of Sils Maria at Cannes — Thurman lay her head on his shoulder and whispered in his ear, while her director paramour danced for her amusement.

Thurman and Tarantino have worked together for 20 years and have always had a close relationship. Though they've been linked to others for much of that time — in addition to her long, on-and-off engagement to Busson, Thurman was married to Ethan Hawke for six years — this isn't the first time their relationship has strayed from being purely professional.

"There has always been an attraction," a source says. "She has indulged from time to time, and that's how their relationship has always worked."

So is it serious? Sources say that Tarantino, at least, has strong feelings for the woman he's called his muse. "He's loved her for years," an insider says. Aww. Is it weird that I want to watch a romantic comedy about Quentin Tarantino now?

Johnny Depp and Amber Heard GETTY IMAGES

Racy vintage paperbacks make for 'steamiest sex in Hollywood'

Not that it's a competition or anything, but apparently Johnny Depp and Amber Heard are outdoing other famous couples when it comes to bedroom shenanigans, according to Radar Online. "Johnny and Amber have the steamiest sex in Hollywood," a source says.

So what's got them all hot and bothered? The engaged couple reportedly have added erotic literature that's even more explicit than 50 Shades of Grey to their repertoire, according to the source.

"Amber introduced Johnny to some racy vintage paperbacks, and now he's into collecting old photographic sex books and footage from the 1950s and earlier."

The jury's out: Jurors not impressed with Madonna for calling in sick

Madonna called in sick to jury duty in New York City Tuesday, and if her Instagram account is any indication, it was due to excessive partying. The singer spent the holiday weekend posting photos of her family surfing, horseback riding and barbecuing, but when it came time to do her civic duty, she wasn't feeling up to it.

A source tells Page Six that "a legitimate doctor's note was received saying she is unable to attend," but other jurors didn't think that was good enough.

"She should have come. It's absolutely not fair," one juror tells the newspaper. "Why should a celebrity get out of a duty that we have? If anything, people who have hardships should get out of it."

Madonna GETTY IMAGES

Twitter

@kirstiealley
found a tiny baby mallard struggling in the ocean... now I'm his mother

@NiallOfficial
It's called lazy when u check the weather on the app instead of going to the window which is 3 feet away

@IJasonAlexander
I must get on one of the BBC period dramas where I can wear a cravat and not move my arms.

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While we here in Canada may see barbecuing as a seasonal kind of thing, those countries lucky enough to have a more forgiving climate consider the grill their primary cooking surface.

In South Africa the barbecue is so highly revered, the population voted to add braai (the Afrikaans word for it) to the name of their national holiday. Argentineans are no slouches when it comes to al fresco meal creation, either, calling both their grilling artistry, and the party that follows, asado. With barbecue the national dish in Argentina, the country's wines, especially those made from the malbec grape, show a slant towards a harmonious union with red meats.

Though malbec traces its roots back to the southwest of France, it's Argentina that's really run with the berry. Showing a balance of the grape's black fruit with pepper spice and bright acidity, Trapiche's 2011 Broquel Malbec ($14.95 - $17.99) makes a fine grilled meat mate, especially if you have a heavy hand when it comes to barbecue sauce.

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Clash of the textures: Silver Beet, Feta and Pine Nut Roll

THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
gustotv.com

1. Preheat oven to 180 C. Trim half of the white stalks from the silver beet and discard them. Wash, dry and chop the leaves and the rest of the stalks.

2. Heat the butter in a medium pot and cook the onion over a low heat until it is soft but not browned — about 5 minutes. Add silver beet and cook until the water from the leaves evaporates, leaving the pan dry. Removing the moisture from the silver beet in this way helps to stop the pie going soggy.

3. Remove the pot from the heat and mix in the ricotta, feta, Parmesan, coriander, nutmeg, lemon zest and pine nuts. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in the egg.

4. Place a sheet of phyllo pastry on the bench. Brush it with melted butter or spray it liberally with oil. Place a second sheet on top and brush it with butter or spray it with oil. Repeat to form a stack of 8 pastry sheets. The phyllo dries out quickly so you will need to work fast. Cover the unused phyllo with a damp tea towel while you work.

5. Form the silver beet mixture into a sausage shape along the longest edge of the pastry, leaving a 3-cm border at the sides.

6. Turn in the sides of the pastry like an envelope and roll it up gently and loosely to fully enclose the filling, forming a log shape. If you roll it too tight it will split. Transfer the log to a baking tray, brush the top with butter and bake until it is golden and crisp — about 40 minutes.

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- 250 g silverbeet or spinach
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup ricotta
- 3/4 cup feta, crumbled
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/4 cup chopped coriander
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- finely grated zest of 1/2 lemon
- 1/3 cup pine nuts, toasted
- 1/2 tsp salt
- ground black pepper
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
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- melted butter or oil spray

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Will the Butterfleye take flight?

Crowdfunding clever camera. Smart Butterfleye senses when to take pictures, making it a promising home security device

Equal parts guard dog and personal photographer, it's a camera with a quirky name that is focused as much on home security and peace of mind as it is on life logging, and its creators are hoping it can crowdfund its way into consumers' homes.

As a proposition, the Butterfleye is quite clever as it manages to tap into a number of emerging consumer tech trends: the quantified self, smart homes, life logging and the selfie. And of course, there's an app involved.

A small, wireless, battery-powered stills and video camera with some clever algorithms and technologies running in the background, the Butterfleye is there to inconspicuously and automatically capture all of those Kodak moments that life throws forth. No need to reach for the DSLR, camcorder or smartphone, the Butterfleye "recognizes" when something's happening and starts snapping.

It also eradicates the current photo-based problems of group shots that are always missing one person — the one holding the camera; and worse still, the posed shots when the camera is on a timer and everyone has 10 seconds to get into position.

The Butterfleye's shots should always be clear and in focus, too. It packs a proximity sensor, has facial recognition for pulling focus, and is calibrated to shoot in low light without a flash.

The stills and HD videos it captures are saved to its internal disk and can also be uploaded to the cloud. The device's makers will be offering cloud storage as an optional extra when the camera officially goes on sale in 2015.

But regardless of where the snaps are saved, using the supporting iPhone app makes it easy to view and download them again and of course to share them via any number of social networks.

Butterfleye, the smart, social and connected camera and its smartphone app make a novel home security system.
BUSINESS WIRE

The device is already available for pre-order via the company's site for $149, an early adopter special price, $50 less than its planned retail price.

As well as snagging pre-orders that won't be fulfilled for another 12 months, Butterfleye will also be looking to crowdfunding to bring the device to the masses and to increase awareness. AFP

I spy with my Butterfleye

Where the Butterfleye could come into its own is as a surveillance and remote communication device.

- Users can get a live video feed of what's happening at home simply by launching the smartphone app, no matter where in the world they are.
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Cut to the chase — head to St. Norbert market

26-year-old tradition maintains principle: everything must be produced by the sellers

It's time to head to the market.

Every Saturday morning for the past 26 years, Manitoba's farm families and crafts producers have loaded up their vehicles with farm fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers, meats, jewelry, paintings, perogies, and more. They come from St. Adolphe, Starbuck, St. Léon, and as far away as Killarney, Man., bringing wares from their farms and homes direct to you.

Le Marché St. Norbert Farmers' Market's vendors excel in offering unsurpassed quality, variety and freshness. Everything you see is made right here in Manitoba — you can talk to the folks who grew your food, meet the baker and the soap maker while sampling many delicious treats as you enjoy music from entertainers and buskers.

At the height of the season, visitors will see more than 150 vendors at the market on Saturdays, with products ranging from fresh vegetables to meats, fish, baked goods, perogies, lemonade, locally roasted coffees, crafts, jewelry, handmade furniture, preserves, honey, and much more. The St. Norbert Farmers' Market is Manitoba's original "make it, bake it, grow it" market; everything sold at the market must be produced by the seller.

CANADA DAY

Celebrate Canada Day in St. Norbert with a special market, children's entertainment, pony rides, live music and fireworks. Celebrations begin at 4 p.m. and continue until dusk.

FARMERS' FEAST

The sixth annual Farmers' Feast is a special evening of gourmet delights hosted under the canopies in September with chefs from the province. Visit farmersfeastmanitoba.com for details.

Janice Lukes, MLA Dave Gaudreau, Premier Selinger, MP Rod Bruinooge and Justin Swandel cut the sticky bun on the opening day of Le Marché St. Norbert Farmers' Market. CONTRIBUTED

This year, the market opened on Saturday, May 24 — its earliest opening date ever. Opening day attracted thousands of visitors, including Premier Greg Selinger, MP Rod Bruinooge, MLA Dave Gaudreau and Coun. Justin Swandel. The official opening entailed 'cutting of the sticky bun,' a Canadian record-setting sized sticky bun provided by local bakery Jonnies Sticky Buns. The sticky bun was a full two feet in diameter, and was shared with the public.

The market is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Oct. 25 and on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Sept. 24. Visit stnorbertfarmersmarket.ca for information.

These days consumers want easier access to Manitoba foods. Programs like Buy Manitoba can help them identify and discover new Manitoba made products. For more information visit buymanitobafoods.ca.

See you at the market.

NUMBER ON MAP	FARMERS' MARKET	LOCATION	MARKET HOURS & OPENING DATES
1	Skinners Locks Market	608 River Road, Lockport	Sundays 12 pm - 5 pm (June 8th)
2	Red River Farmers' Market	3977 Portage Ave., Winnipeg	Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm (July 26th)
3	Transcona BIZ Market Garden	135 Regent Ave W., Winnipeg	Thursdays 11 am - 3 pm and Saturdays 8 am - 12 pm (July 3rd)
4	FortWhyte Farms	1961 McCreary Rd., Winnipeg	Tuesdays 12 pm - 5 pm (July 8th)
5	Health Science Centre Farmer's Market	707 McDermot Ave., Winnipeg	Wednesdays 10 am - 5 pm (June 4th)
6	Wellness Institute Farmers' Market	1075 Leila Ave., Winnipeg	Tuesdays 10 am - 4 pm (July 15th)
7	Main Street Farmers' Market	865 Main St., Winnipeg	Fridays 12 pm - 5 pm (July 4th)
8	The Forks Outdoor Market	202-One Forks Market Rd., Winnipeg	Sundays 11 am - 4 pm (NOW OPEN!)
9	Beausejour Farmers' Market	2km east of Beausejour on Hwy. 44, Beausejour	Fridays 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm (July 4th)
10	West Kildonan Community Farmers' Market	1680 Main St., Winnipeg	Saturdays 8:30 am - 2 pm (July 5th)
11	St. Norbert Farmers' Market	3514 Pembina Hwy., Winnipeg	Saturdays 8 am - 3 pm and Wednesdays 11am - 4 pm (NOW OPEN!)
12	Gas Station Village Market	River @ Osborne, Winnipeg	Thursdays 4 pm - 8 pm (July 3rd)
13	Downtown Winnipeg Farmers' Market	Edmonton @ Graham MB Hydro Place Plaza, Winnipeg	Thursdays 10 am - 4 pm (June 5th)
14	Lac Du Bonnet Farmers' Market	25 McArthur Ave., Lac Du Bonnet	Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm (NOW OPEN!)
15	Gimli Farmers' Market	Gimli Harbour, Gimli	Saturdays and Sundays 10 am - 2 pm (Mid June)
16	Pineridge Hollow Farmers' Market	67086 Heatherdale Rd., Springfield	Saturdays from 9 am -1 pm (June 21st)
17	Petersfield Community Club's Summer Market	Mallard Park on Highway #9, Petersfield	Sundays 10 am - 3 pm (June 22nd)
18	Brandon Town-Centre Farmers' Market	Town-Centre Parkade, Brandon	Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm (June 21st)
19	Steinbach & District Farmer's Market	Clearspring Centre Parking Lot, Hwy. 12, Steinbach	Thursdays 3 pm - 7 pm (June 26th)

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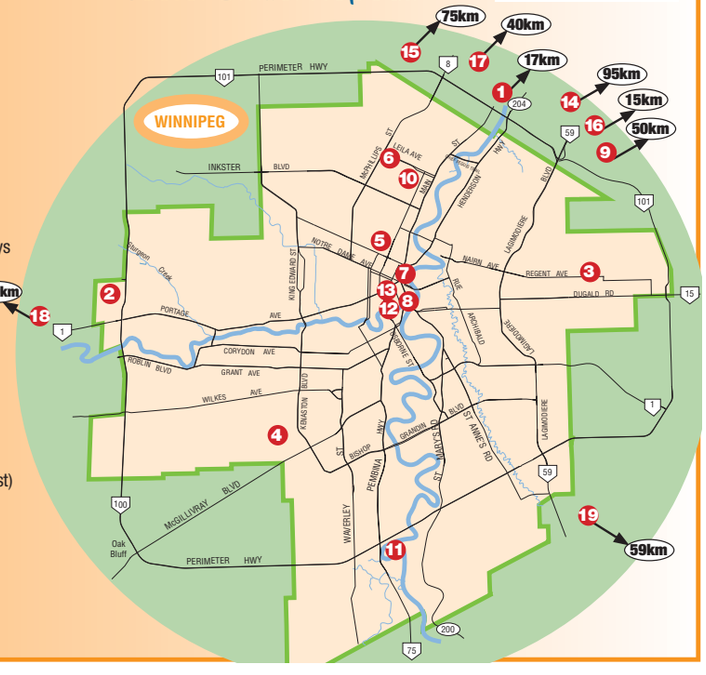

Pineridge Hollow Farmers' Market COURTESY J.STEPHENS PHOTOGRAPHY

Discover Manitoba food at local farmers' markets

No matter where you live in southern Manitoba, there is a farmers' market within reach. Consumer demand for accessible, Manitoba food has encouraged more markets to pop up.

This demand has also prompted some markets to open during the week, which means trips to the market are no longer confined to the weekends. The variety of offerings also goes far beyond produce.

"Our province is quite the food hub — consumers have access to so many choices," says Buy Manitoba program manager Megan Deaust. With nearly 90 program participants, Buy Manitoba has the inside scoop on a variety of foods crafted in the province.

"Markets offer the opportunity for consumers to interact with food makers and hear the stories behind new products and old favourites," says Deaust.

"Consumers should keep in mind that outside of the farmers' market season, some products are also available at local retailers. It's important for consumers to support Manitoba food companies throughout the year — everything you buy at a retail store is like casting your vote. The more Manitoba products you buy, the more you'll see become available."

Farmers' markets have been established throughout southern Manitoba in rural communities, city lots, suburban plots, and even hosted by hospitals.

"We offer our staff, patients, and community an easy way to enjoy a farmers' market without having to venture far from their everyday lives," said Leigh-ann Patrick, staff wellness representative at Health Sciences Centre. "We want to encourage everyone to maintain a healthier lifestyle while supporting local producers."

There are several markets in downtown Winnipeg, including the Main Street Farmers' Market, held in the Neechi Commons parking lot. If you live in east Winnipeg, try the Transcona Biz Market.

Pineridge Hollow, just north of the city, offers a market in addition to their year-round store and restaurant. And FortWhyte Alive runs their sustainable urban agriculture program, FortWhyte Farms, where the fruits of their labour are sold at the southwest Winnipeg site. If you live south of Winnipeg, check out the Steinbach & District Farmers' Market at the Clearspring Centre.

For more details about farmers' markets visit buymanitobafoods.ca.

FortWhyte Alive runs a sustainable urban agriculture program. COURTESY FORTWHYTE FARMS

WHAT'S IN SEASON? USE OUR HANDY GUIDE TO DISCOVER WHEN MANITOBA VEGGIES AND FRUITS ARE AVAILABLE AT GROCERY STORES, FARMERS' MARKETS, OR IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD!

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WHAT'S IN SEASON

VEGETABLES	JAN-APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Asparagus		■	■						
Beans				■	■	■			
Beets	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Broccoli			■	■	■	■	■		
Brussel Sprouts					■	■	■		
Cabbage	■			■	■	■	■	■	■
Carrots	■			■	■	■	■	■	■
Cauliflower			■	■	■	■	■	■	
Celery					■	■			
Corn, Sweet				■	■	■			
Cucumbers				■	■	■			
Eggplant				■	■	■			
Garlic					■	■	■		
Kale			■	■	■	■	■		
Lettuce			■	■	■	■	■		
Onions, Green			■	■	■	■	■		
Onions, Red & White	■	■			■	■	■	■	■
Parsnips	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Peas			■	■	■				
Peppers				■	■	■			
Potatoes, Baby			■	■					
Potatoes, Red & Russet	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Potatoes, Yukon	■	■				■	■	■	■
Pumpkins					■	■	■	■	
Radish			■	■	■				
Rutabagas & Turnips	■				■	■	■	■	■
Spinach			■	■	■	■			
Winter Squash						■	■	■	■
Summer Squash			■	■	■	■	■		
Swiss Chard				■	■	■	■		
Tomatoes				■	■	■			
Zucchini			■	■	■	■	■		

FRUIT									
Apples					■	■			
Cherry, Sour				■	■				
Melons					■	■			
Raspberry			■	■	■	■			
Rhubarb			■	■	■				
Saskatoon				■	■				
Strawberry			■	■	■				

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For more news from the NFL, including the Seahawks signing one of their wide receivers to a contract extension, scan the image using the Metro News app.

Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist blocks a shot by the Canadiens' Thomas Vanek on Thursday night in New York. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lundqvist, Rangers deny Habs Game 7

NHL playoffs. New York advances to Stanley Cup final after eliminating Montreal

Dominic Moore scored late in the second period and Henrik Lundqvist made 18 saves as the New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens 1-0 on Thursday to reach the Stanley Cup final for the first time in 20 years.

New York, which won the first two games in Montreal, won the Eastern Conference final 4-2.

Game 6

Rangers	Canadiens
1	0

The Rangers' last appearance in the final was 1994 when they defeated the Vancouver Canucks in seven games for their first title in 54 years. The Canadiens have not appeared in the final since 1993 when they dispatched the Los Angeles Kings in five games.

New York will face either defending champion Chicago or the Los Angeles Kings, both formidable foes, as the final kicks off Wednesday in the West.

Rangers coach Alain Vigneault showed faith in his fourth line, starting the game with Moore, Brian Boyle and Derek Dorsett. They repaid him with the key goal on a night that saw the Rangers play with more urgency than the Canadiens before an amped crowd at Madison Square Garden.

New York outshot Montreal 32-18.

While the Canadiens missed passes and made bad decisions, the workmanlike Rangers did the little things right. Their finishing could have been better but didn't need to be given Montreal's sputtering offence.

And Lundqvist, who was pulled in the second period of Game 5 after giving up four goals on 19 shots, returned to world-class form when he needed to.

Montreal goalie Dustin Tokarski was busier than Lundqvist but the Swede was spectacular in the second period when he made an amazing circus-like save with his arm and then blocker off Thomas Vanek.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Deal in place to sell Clippers: Source

Shelly Sterling reached an agreement Thursday night to sell the Los Angeles Clippers to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for $2 billion, according to an individual with knowledge of the negotiations.

The individual told The Associated Press that Ballmer and the Sterling Family Trust now have a binding agreement. The deal must be presented to the NBA.

Shelly Sterling negotiated the sale after her husband, Donald Sterling, made racist remarks that were made public. Donald Sterling must also approve the final agreement as a 50 per cent owner.

His attorney, Bobby Samini, says that won't happen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Manning springs to life in OTAs

Eli Manning participated with the first-team offence Thursday at the New York Giants' organized team activity, showing no signs of the ankle surgery he underwent nearly two months ago.

"I feel like I can do almost anything football related," Manning said.

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After a rough 2013 season, Giants QB Eli Manning underwent ankle surgery. GETTY IMAGES

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CFL labour talks break down again

Camps open Sunday.
Players prepared to train without contract

Talks between the CFL and its players on a new collective bargaining agreement broke down Thursday.

Representatives from the CFL left the second day of talks abruptly, and CFL Players' Association president Scott Flory says the league rejected a new union proposal.

CFL commissioner Mark Cohon says the players rejected a league proposal earlier Thursday.

"The Canadian Football League has sent its best offer for a new collective bargaining agreement directly to the players," Cohon said in a statement. "Unfortunately, this best offer was rejected by the CFLPA executive committee this morning. We strongly believe it is a fair and equitable agreement for both parties.

Flory says the CFLPA came off its original demand of revenue sharing, offering a compromise it called a "Revenue Protection Clause."

It allowed for a fixed cap, starting at $5.8 million and rising three per cent annually, for a minimum for two years.

After the second year, if there was an increase in revenue on a league-wide basis of more than $12 million, excluding the Grey Cup, the parties would renegotiate the cap or the collective bargaining agreement would be jointly terminated at the end of that season.

The union also proposed a one-time bonus to veteran players of a minimum compensation of $15,000 each.

The players' association was originally asking for a salary cap of $6.24 million.

The two sides met face-to-face Thursday morning following 12 hours of talks on Wednesday.

The league left shortly afterward, presumably with a new union proposal in hand.

Representatives from the league returned for face-to-face talks about two hours later, but left within moments without saying a word. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"We want football. We want our season to start on time. But not at the cost of the unrealistic proposal put forward by the CFLPA."

CFL commissioner Mark Cohon on the latest proposal from the CFL Players' Association

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Relationships seem to be taking on a more aggressive edge, due to the presence of Mars in your opposite sign. Keep reminding yourself that life is not a battle and that people are not the enemy. Compromise is best.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You are advised not to make too many plans. If someone asks you to take on extra responsibilities, turn them down flat. Your health could be at risk if you push too hard.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The tempo of life has picked up and it will pick up more today and over the weekend. Can you stand the pace? Of course you can. You think and act twice as fast as most other people.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone will try to compel you to do things you don't want to do today. It may be that for now you have no choice but to do what they say but start looking around for ways you can get out from under their thumb.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You seem to be endowed with almost limitless energy at the moment and are getting so much done that it's unlikely you will let up soon. Remember though that it is quality work that counts, not quantity.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You've built up momentum in recent weeks and you will be moving onward and upward for some time yet. Having said that, you know you cannot keep up this pace forever.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Mars in your sign makes life more exciting. Wherever you go and whatever you do today, you must seize the initiative and make sure the world knows you are a force to be reckoned with.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You don't have to be the life of the party and with Saturn in your sign it's unlikely you will win any prizes for popularity. But do you care? Of course not!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
By all means stand up for what you believe but don't turn it into a war. Just because some disagree with you does not mean you have to beat them into submission.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If someone in a position of power says or does something that you disagree with today you would be wise not to let it show. According to the planets, you are not yet strong enough to confront them directly.

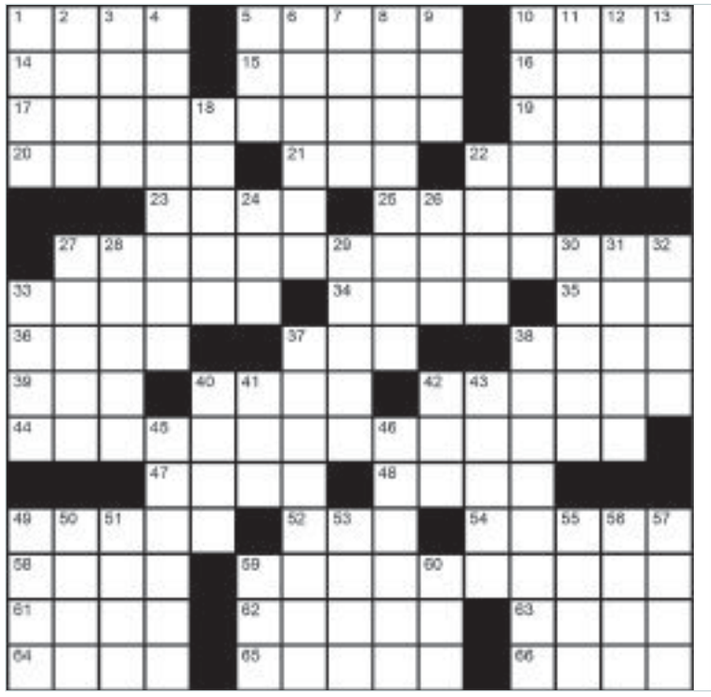
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
With the Sun and Mars well placed in your chart, you can easily find ways to get past other people's defenses. You can be subtle about it but more likely you prefer to blast your way through. It's more fun.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There is a lot of gossip at the moment and it could damage your credibility. You must speak up and let others know that what is being said about you is not remotely true. You're just not that bad. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



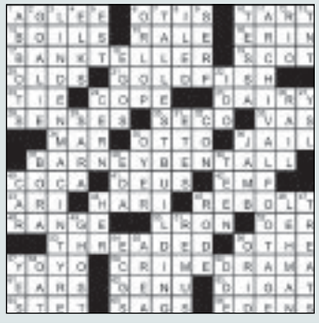
Across

1. Monsieur Le Pew
5. Loudly sleep
10. Bobby Darin's "__ the Knife"
14. Oil of __
15. Mr. Thompson of "Saturday Night Live"
16. Reign
17. Angelina Jolie's new Disney movie
19. Eminem tune
20. __ album
21. Dress
22. Temperaments
23. Ms. Bombeck
25. $1000, commonly
27. Saskatchewan's provincial flower: 3 wds.
33. Michael C. Hall title role
34. River of England
35. My own, in Latin
36. River islets
37. Deception
38. Bird's 'snout'
39. Business boss, briefly
40. Songstress Tori
42. Abrasion
44. Jean Coutu and London Drugs: 2 wds.
47. "Star Trek" episode, __ Time
48. Music's *N__
49. Comedian Mr. Marx
52. Ad __ committee
54. Small boat
58. Sacred Buddhist peak
59. Scenic attraction in Nova Scotia: 2 wds.
61. "Oh, ___ careful!" (Play it safe)
62. FOX News host Ms. Van Susteren
63. Noun-creating suffix
64. Outlying
65. "__ __ be expected..." (No big surprises)
66. "Star Trek: The Next Generation" role, Lieutenant Commander __

Down

1. Ceremonial magnificence
2. Valley where David slew Goliath
3. Texas: __ Duro Canyon
4. Optometrists administer them: 2 wds.
5. Jet __
6. Fruit juice
7. Count Basie's "__ _'Clock Jump"
8. Made sense: 2 wds.
9. 'Persist' suffix
10. Neil Young penned tune that goes "...when the messenger brought me a letter.": 2 wds.
11. CAW = Canadian __ Workers
12. Clothed
13. Mattel dolls
18. Strong suit
22. Way
24. Madonna's "__ Girl"
26. Fellows
27. Consider
28. Surplus
29. Clamorous
30. "_ __ business!"
31. Jumps
32. Pilot's 'steering wheel'
33. Not wet/not dry
37. London, ON born actor Gene (b.1891 - d.1957) who is the father of actress June
38. Mason's favourite hue, perhaps: 2 wds.
40. Mil. stockpile
41. __ jacket
42. Bashful
43. Able, archaically
45. Zorro's 'Z'-marking prop
46. Actor, George _. __
49. Daytime TV host Ms. Kotb
50. "I __ __ the opinion that..."
51. Country's Ms. McEntire
53. UK awards since 1917
55. 'Collection'-meaning suffix
56. Book genre, briefly
57. One-named bassist
59. Movie special effects, commonly
60. Spiriual 'way'

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

5			7		4			8
7	2	3				9	4	6
		9	3		7	1		
3								7
		6	2		5	8		
1	5	4				3	6	9
8			5		6			1

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	8	3	6	9	5	2	1	7
7	2	6	3	8	1	4	9	5
5	1	9	7	2	4	6	3	8
3	9	1	4	6	8	7	5	2
2	6	5	1	7	3	9	8	4
8	7	4	9	5	2	3	6	1
9	3	2	5	1	7	8	4	6
1	4	7	8	3	6	5	2	9
6	5	8	2	4	9	1	7	3

Weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MAX: 24° MIN: 16°	MAX: 24° MIN: 14°	MAX: 23° MIN: 12°

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